THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Technology Mission for Dairy Development contemplates continuance of trials leading to development of rural chilling systems with the use of solar, biogas and wind energy.

(b) and (c) The Mission proposes to arrange, wherever it is considered necessary and desirable, for the transfer of technology related to various aspects of dairying (from collection, transportation to processing and marketing) on a cooperative to cooperative basis from developed countries.

Food scarcity challenge

3017. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nutritional and food scarcity poses serious challenges for 2001 AD as per former D.G., ICAR, DR. M.S. Swaminathan as reported in Business Standard of 12th July, 1988 and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether animal population is likely to reach a figure of 500 million by 2001 AD largely due to failure to improve productivity of milk despite investment of over Rs. 1000 crores under Dairy Projects; and

(c) whether Control of Animal Population is proposed to new Technology Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) To avert the serious nutritional and food scarcity, various developmental programmes to augment food production, at different levels are being implemented through various Five Year Plans.

(b) Animal population may likely to reach a figure of 500 million of all domesticated animals including avines, pack animals etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Maintenance of the Municipal Approach Road in East Friends Colony

3018. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the last carpeting or surfacing of the Municipal Approach Road to DDA, MIG Flats, A-Block East, Friends Colony the link Road between Mathura Road to Western Avenue of Maharani Bagh was done;

(b) whether it is a fact that no footpaths were constructed on this Link Road by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(c) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct the Municipal Corporation to construct footpath of this road which is now in a bad condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Carpeting on approach road to Maharani Bagh from Mathura Road passing through A-Block East Friends Colony was done about five years back.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Footpaths are not required on this Approach Road, M.C.D. has, however, a proposal to provide dry brick pavement on both sides of this road from Mathura Road to Maharani Bagh.

(d) The condition of this road is satisfactory.